



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced larger amounts of rain in the west and in the San Luis Valley area of the State while the eastern half experienced dry, warm weather. Temperatures remained average for this time of year. These conditions allowed producers 6.3 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	27	69	1
Last Week	4	19	75	2
Last Year	7	31	57	5

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	25	69	2
Last Week	3	25	70	2
Last Year	7	37	50	6

**Small Grains:** Spring barley had 39 percent harvested, 4 points behind the 5-year average with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 98 percent turning color with 20 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 72 percent at or beyond the dough stage with 10 percent dented and was rated in good to excellent condition by the end of the week. The harvest of corn silage has been reported at 2 percent complete, behind the 5-year average of 5 percent. Sorghum was 94 percent headed with 40 percent turning color and 1 percent mature. The crop was rated in good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions were 9 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 10 percent harvested with the crop reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Fall potatoes were reported in mostly good to excellent condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT <sup>1/</sup>

Week ending August 22, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	24	65	9
Last Year	1	3	20	46	30
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	3	30	58	9
Last Year	0	2	21	53	24

Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans are 96 percent flowered, ahead of the 5-year average of 92 percent with 1 percent cut, while maintaining mostly good to fair condition.

**Pasture, Range and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in mostly good to fair condition last week. The second cutting of alfalfa progressed to 96 percent complete and 38 percent of the third cutting of alfalfa has been completed. The alfalfa hay crop is rated in mostly good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 22, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	6	29	58	7
Prev. Year - 2009	2	6	31	52	9
5-Year Avg.	11	20	35	29	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 22, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Turning Color	99	97	100	100
Harvested	39	29	41	43
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	98	88	100	99
Harvested	20	15	34	34
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	72	48	41	51
Dent	10	2	16	18
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	2	-	5	5
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	94	88	73	82
Coloring	40	34	49	39
Mature	1	-	10	4
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	9	2	11	15
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	96	92	98	92
Cut	1	-	-	2
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	96	89	88	92
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	38	22	15	22
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	10	3	12	16

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	8	77	12
<b>Corn</b>	0	2	10	65	23
<b>Sorghum</b>	0	1	21	61	17
<b>Dry Onions</b>	1	1	5	78	15
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	4	24	68	4
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	4	16	60	20
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	0	9	74	17
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	8	11	79	2
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	1	18	61	20
<b>Sunflowers</b>	1	2	20	62	15

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.